

STATE PLAN FOR PROVISION OF  
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE UNDER  
THE PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY  
AND WORK OPPORTUNITY  
RECONCILIATION ACT OF 1996  
effective October 1, 2002

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
Gray Davis, Governor

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY  
Grantland Johnson, Secretary

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES  
Rita Saenz, Director

## CERTIFICATION

California will operate a program to provide temporary assistance to needy families so that children may be cared for in their own homes or in the homes of relatives; to end dependence of needy parents on government benefits by promoting job preparation, work, and marriage; to prevent and reduce the incidence of out-of-wedlock pregnancies and establish annual numerical goals for preventing and reducing the incident of these pregnancies; and to encourage the formation and maintenance of two-parent families. This program is known as the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program.

Executive Officer of the State: Gray Davis, Governor

The California Department of Social Services, the Department of Child Support Services (effective 1/1/2000), the California Department of Health Services and the Office of Criminal Justice Planning are the state agencies responsible for supervision of local political subdivisions in the administration of the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) Program. These agencies have authority under State law to make rules and regulations that are binding on such political subdivisions. This State Plan will be binding on the subdivisions and will be in effect throughout the State.

In administering and operating a program that provides temporary assistance for needy families with minor children under Title IV-A of the Social Security Act, the State will:

1. Assure that local governments and private sector organizations:
  - (A) have been consulted regarding the plan and design of welfare services in the State so that services are provided in a manner appropriate to local populations, and
  - (B) have had at least 45 days to submit comments on the plan and the design of such services, the 45-day comment period ended on September 23, 2002.
2. Operate a Child Support Enforcement program under the State Plan approved under part D;
3. Operate a Foster Care and Adoption Assistance program in accordance with part E, and certify that the State will take all necessary actions to ensure that children receiving assistance are eligible for medical assistance;
4. Provide each member of an Indian tribe, who is domiciled in the State and is not eligible for assistance under a tribal family assistance plan approved under section 412, with equitable access to assistance under the State program funded under this part attributable to funds provided by the federal government.

5. Establish and enforce standards and procedures to ensure against program fraud and abuse, including standards and procedures concerning nepotism, conflicts of interest among individuals responsible for the administration and supervision of State programs, kickbacks, and the use of political patronage;
6. Make available to the public a summary of the State Plan.
7. Exercise the Family Violence Option (FVO) in accordance with Title 42 USC 602 (a)(7). California has established and is enforcing standards and procedures to:
  - (A) Screen and identify individuals receiving TANF and MOE assistance with a history of domestic violence, while maintaining the confidentiality of such individuals.
  - (B) Refer such individuals to counseling and supportive services; and
  - (C) Provide waivers, pursuant to a determination of good cause, of normal program requirements to such individuals for so long as necessary in cases where compliance would make it more difficult for such individuals to escape domestic violence or unfairly penalize those who are or have been victimized by such violence or who are at risk of further domestic violence.

CERTIFIED BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE STATE:

12/23/02  
DATE

GRAY DAVIS, Governor

